

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected independent claim 1 as being anticipated by Tucker '753 and Holzner '144. Claim 1, as previously amended, calls for a collar having a keyless surface such that the universal collar key bypasses the keying system of the soap dispenser. Claim 1 also calls for a first flange and a second flange axially spaced from one another to define a clearance for receiving a keyplate with a keyway therebetween. Neither of the cited references teach or contemplate these claim limitations. The Examiner has identified flanges (30 and 34) defining a clearance (28) in the Tucker device. However, this clearance does not receive a keyplate having a keyway as expressly called for in claim 1, nor does the keyless surface bypass the keying system of the soap dispenser as called for. Likewise, Holzner does not teach axially opposed flanges defining a clearance for receiving a keyplate having a keyway. The "clearance" identified by the Examiner (88, 69) is not a clearance at all, but is actually two distinct structural features, a flange and a cam surface, which do not define a clearance for receiving a keyplate. Therefore, Holzner also fails to disclose each and every claim limitation of claim 1. Reconsideration of independent claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom (claims 2-9) is respectfully requested.

Claims 10 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 10 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1, from which it had depended, and therefore both claim 10 and its dependent claim 11 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 12 and its dependent claim 13 have been indicated as being allowed.

Independent claim 14 and its dependent claim 15 have been canceled.

Independent claim 16 has been cancelled.

In light of the foregoing, all independent claims are in condition for allowance, as are the claims depending therefrom. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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